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Fulton Lewis Regrets

FULTON LEWIS JR., a columnist and radio commentator who grinds his axes with extreme ardor, informed his coterie of listeners this week that Assemblyman Caspar Weinberger, Republican candidate for State Attorney General, is the candidate of the People's World.

This implication of Communism was absurd to the point of imbecility to anybody who knows Weinberger's background, associations and opinions—yet Lewis put it on the air without, apparently, making the slightest effort to confirm it. The result was a threat of libel action by Weinberger, and a quick run for cover by Lewis. He retracted and he apologized.

Some commentators and columnists strive for accuracy and truth; others, with no responsibility, traffic in wild, loose, unverified rumor and gossip.